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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.	10/065,716	Applicant(s)	CHEN, LI-YI
Examiner	Patrick H. Cathey II	Art Unit	2613

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim's 1-3, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sharma et al. (US 6,192,079).

As for Claim's 1, 3 and 6, Sharma et al. teach decoding image signal so as to generate the frames (Column 8, lines 43-44), and an up converter for interpolating at least one frame between two consecutive frames using motion vectors between the two frames so as to increase a frame rate of the picture images (Column 8, lines 41-59; Column 4, lines 41-47; See also Figures 2 and 6).

As for Claim's 2 and 7, Sharma et al. teach where the interpolated frame is generated by dividing the motion vectors stored in the P-frame or the B-frame (Column 5, lines 27-49).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim's 4, 5, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharma et al. in view of Itoh et al. (US 6,836,293).

Sharma et al. teach, for use with their invention, low bit rate video compression techniques such as the International Telecommunication Union standard (Column 1, lines 45-62). This could easily be used with a small hand-held communication device that comprises an LCD or PDP display screen. Sharma et al. fail to specifically teach where the display panel is a hold-type display panel that consists of a PDP or LCD panel, but Itoh et al. does (Column 18, lines 42-48; See also Figure 12). Since this is only pertaining to the size and type of display screen, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to use a small hold-type LCD or PDP display screen in order to gain the improved enhancements of the display and added benefits of a smaller sized item.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references not used in the above rejections were included because they teach additional information regarding interpolating two consecutive frames using motion compensation.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick H. Cathey II whose telephone number is (703)

305-4909. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 to 5:00 (Every other friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on (703) 503-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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